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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 1576

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, KU
SUBJECT: WEAPONRY FOR APC (M113A1) VEHICLES

REF: STATE 61040

1. I MET WITH DEFENSE MINISTER SHAIKH SA'AD AL-ABDULLA MARCH 26 IN ORDER TO EXPLAIN TO HIM DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN PROVISION OF FMS EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING 99 CAL. 50 MACHINE GUNS, 14 81 MM MORTARS AND 12 TOW MISSILE LAUNCHERS, FOR 161 M113 A1 VEHICLES OFFERED FOR COMMERCIAL SALE TO GOK BY FMC REPEAT FMC (REFTEL).
2. I THEN TOLD SHAIKH SA'AD OF MY UNDERSTANDING THAT FMC WOULD BE ABLE TO OBTAIN THE MACHINE GUNS FROM BELGIUM AND PROVIDE THE MORTARS AND NECESSARY AMMUNITION FOR BOTH FROM EUROPEAN SUPPLIER. FMC REP WAS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE KUWAIT MARCH 27 AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE DETAILS IN THIS CONNECTION TO MOD NEXT DAY.
3. I EXPLAINED THAT THE TOWS WERE ONLY MANUFACTURED IN THE U.S. AND WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE THROUGH FMS

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IN TIME FOR DELIVERY OF VEHICLES. I SUGGESTED THAT SINCE KUWAIT ARMED FORCES HAD 50 TOW LAUNCHERS IN THEIR INVENTORY, REQUIRED NUMBER COULD BE MOUNTED ON THESE VEHICLES. REPLACEMENT OF THESE LAUNCHERS, IF DESIRED, COULD PRESUMABLY BE REQUESTED FOR REPLACEMENT THROUGH FMS.

4. SHAIKH SA'AD EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN ABOUT INSTALLATION OF THESE WEAPONS IF NOT PERFORMED AT FACTORY. COL. DEWITT, CHIEF USLOK, WHO ACCOMPANIED ME, EXPLAINED THAT THE MOUNTS FOR THESE WEAPONS WILL BE PREPARED BY FMC AT THEIR PLANT AND THAT IT WAS A RELATIVELY SIMPLE MATTER TO INSTALL THE WEAPONS AFTERWARDS.

5. SHAIKH SA'AD WAS SATISFIED WITH THIS EXPLANATION AND SAID THAT HE WOULD INFORM COL. AL-SAYEGH, WHO WOULD PROBABLY MEET WITH THE FMC REP WHEN HE CALLED.
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